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QUOTE:

THE PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND, THE HONORABLE W. E.
ROWLING, WILL CALL ON PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD AT THE
WHITE HOUSE ON MAY 7. PRIME MINISTER ROWLING WILL AT
THAT TIME BE PASSING THROUGH WASHINGTON FOLLOWING THE
COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE AT KINGSTON,
JAMAICA.

THE PRESIDENT WELCOMES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE PRIME
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MINISTER ROWLING, WHO HEADS THE GOVERNMENT OF A COUNTRY

WITH WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS EXTREMELY CLOSE AND
FRIENDLY TIES.

PRIME MINISTER ROWLING IS NO STRANGER TO THE UNITED STATES,
HAVING TAUGHT IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST TWENTY YEARS AGO
UNDER A FULBRIGHT FELLOWSHIP. THIS WILL BE MR. ROWLING'S

FIRST VISIT TO WASHINGTON SINCE HE SUCCEEDED THE LATE
NORMAN KIRK AS PRIME MINISTER IN SEPTEMBER, 1974.
END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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